



Ocotillo Weekly Update

A newsletter for the residents of Glendale's Ocotillo District



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Glendale Police Department Citizen Academy. The Glendale Police Department is accepting applications for the upcoming Citizen Police Academy which begins on January 11, 2012.

The Citizens Academy is a free program designed to offer participants a chance to learn, hands on, about many police operations, such as the use of canines, crime scene investigations, and tactical operations. The curriculum also includes an overview of the police department's administration, police communications and community oriented policing.

Participants must be at least 18 years of age and undergo a background check and fingerprinting process. All fingerprinting and applications must be completed and submitted no later than Friday, November 4, 2011. For more information on this 12-week program, call 623-930-3305 or [click here](#) to download an application.



Columbus Day Holiday. City of Glendale offices will close Monday, October 10 in observance of the Columbus Day holiday. For a full list of closures and service schedule changes, [click here](#).



Glendale's Environmental Efforts Win Prestigious Award. Glendale's Conservation & Sustainable Living Program has been honored by Valley Forward with the Crescordia Award. More than 130 entries were received in Arizona's oldest and most prestigious awards competition focusing exclusively on environmental initiatives. Winners were announced Sept. 17 at Valley Forward's awards gala attended by more than 600 community leaders.

The newly established Glendale office of Conservation and Sustainable Living (CSL) provides programs to educate residents, businesses and neighborhoods about good environmental practices.

At the outset, staff focused on acquiring grants, establishing partnerships and building a strong volunteer/intern program to create a successful program.

Within its first two years, CSL obtained two federal grants, enabling the city to offer Green Living classes with free incentives, hire a contract energy education specialist to initiate the city's energy conservation programs in schools (patterned after the highly successful water education program) as well as establish a 10,000-square-foot Tree Trail at the Glendale Xeriscape Demonstration Garden.

For more information on Glendale's Conservation & Sustainable Living programs and all the city's environmental efforts, [click here](#).

Household Hazardous Waste Pick-up. Twice a year, the city of Glendale's Sanitation Department offers the free household hazardous waste pick-up. Residents must call by Oct. 21 to request the service. Collections will be scheduled between Oct. 17 and Nov. 4.

The service not only helps residents avoid transporting dangerous products, but helps keep regular garbage collections safer. The improper disposal of household hazardous wastes can cause problems for the entire community.

Residents can sign up for a free household hazardous waste pick-up service by contacting the Sanitation Division at 623-930-2660. Registration will be on a first-come, first-served basis for up to 750 households. Hazardous materials that will be accepted include paints and stains, antifreeze and other automotive fluids, pesticides, motor oil and filters, batteries, pool chemicals and household cleaners. Items that are unacceptable are explosives, radioactive materials, tires, drums, ammunition and medical or business wastes. There is a 20-gallon limit on paint, oil, gasoline, antifreeze and other automotive liquids. No single container may be larger than five gallons. All items should be in their original containers and must be clearly marked to identify their contents.

For more information, [click here](#) or call the Sanitation Division at 623-930-2660.



Want to win the Ultimate Glendale Glitters Experience? One lucky family can win a fun evening of entertainment at Glendale Glitters – all FREE, including private time in the snow field, a horse-drawn carriage ride, inflatable games and rides, a Fastpass to see Santa Claus, entrance into the petting zoo and more! This one-of-a-kind giveaway is only available to enter through Glendale's new Facebook page for events – Arizona's Best Festivals.

Visit the new social media site at <http://www.facebook.com/ArizonasBestFestivals> and connect with exclusive contests, event previews and information only available to our social media fans! For more information, call 623-930-3077.

Around Town

Artwerks First Saturdays – Oct. 1. Historic Downtown Glendale will turn into a living masterpiece on Saturday, Oct. 1 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., as First Saturdays happens just east of Murphy Park. [Learn more](#)

Open Air Market. The marketplace, which features antiques, collectibles, art treasures, crafts and food, will kick off 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, October 1. The market will be held at the corner of 57th Drive and Glendale Avenue in the parking lot of A Mad Hatter's Antiques, located at 5734 W. Glendale Ave. The Open Air Market will continue on the first Saturday of each month through May. For more information and to learn about becoming a market vendor, call 623-931-1991.

Shred It and Forget It. The Glendale Police Department is teaming up with the Target Corporation Saturday, October 1, 2011 for the city's "Shred It and Forget It" event. This is a free "drive-thru" event designed to promote public awareness about identity theft and fraud prevention. Community members are invited to bring their unwanted personal documents to be shredded securely on site. Law Enforcement staff will be on hand to assist residents shred up to five (5) boxes (banker-size) of personal documents per household at no charge. The event will run from 8 to 11 a.m. at the Target Store located at 10404 North 43rd Avenue. Event participation is on a first come, first served basis. For more information call (623) 930-4030.

Health and Safety Event. Arrowhead Towne Center will be holding a health and safety event from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 8. The event will be held at the lower level Sears parking lot (north side) and will include child finger printing, the Glendale Police Department SWAT vehicle, the Halo 151 medical helicopter, police K-9s, Southwest Ambulance and displays from safety & health organizations. Come enjoy a free sample of Cold Stone Creamery ice cream!

29th Annual Fire Prevention Day & Parade. Join us for this exciting Glendale tradition on Saturday, Oct. 8. The parade starts at 9 a.m., at 52nd and Glendale avenues and ends at Murphy Park. Parade goers will enjoy fire vehicles, marching bands, clowns, scouts and much more! Food vendors, hands-only CPR demonstrations, safety information booths and activities for the entire family will be located in Murphy Park until 1 p.m. Join in on the fun! [Click here](#) for more information.

Wild Western Festival: History Meets Hollywood. Enjoy good old fashioned family fun October 14-16 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Sahuaro Ranch Park, 9802 N. 59th Ave. There will be gun fights, stunt shows, trick horses, magic shows, musical entertainment, food vendors and much more. [Click here](#) for more details, admission charges and printable discount coupons.

Glendale Public Library Offers e-Reader Workshop. Glendale Public Library is offering a workshop to help potential e-reader buyers sort out the differences between five of the top-rated devices: the Sony Pocket Reader; the Barnes & Noble Nook; the Barnes & Noble Nook Color; the Amazon Kindle; and the Apple iPad.

The free workshop, "Introduction to E-Book Readers," will be held on Wednesday, October 12 and repeated on November 16 and December 14 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. in the large meeting room at the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St. Digital librarian Marlene Jacobson will give an overview of the features, specifications and functions of each device. Participants will also have an opportunity to explore each of the devices.

There are significant differences in the devices that the workshops will cover, including screen types, navigation, wireless capability, screen size and weight, supported file formats, price, library borrowing compatibility and vendor bookstore selection. To register for the free workshops call 623-930-3531 or stop by the reference desk at the Main Library.

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